Philadelphia, Pa.
April 7, 1941.

At a regular meeting of the Directors of John T. Lewis & Bros. Co. held this day in their offices in the Widener Building, there were present:

J. W. Gardiner, President
S. French Reeves, Vice President
A. M. Wilson, Vice President
Morris H. Merritt, Secretary
Leonard T. Beale, Director

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. W.Gardiner, who presided in the absence of Mr. E. F. Beale, and Mr. Morris H. Merritt reported the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of our meeting of March 31 were read and approved.

In order to manufacture more economically some special linseed oils an appropriation was approved for kettles, burners and other equipment for $8364.00 and a regularC&R application will be forwarded to New York during the week.

Mr. Reeves reported that the new furnace for manufacturing #1219 Red Lead for the Electric Storage Battery Company will be operating in ten days.

Mr. Reeves brought up the fact that the Philadelphia Solder Company is anxious to join the Benefit Department of John T. Lewis & Bros. Co. They have only a few employees and this would not cost John T. Lewis & Bros. Co. more than approximately $40.00 per year, but the question of proper medical attention is involved. Therefore it was decided to approve in spirit and principle the including of the Philadelphia Solder Company in the Lewis Benefit Department with the thought that the most economical way for all concerned should be worked out by Messrs. Eckfeldt, Watts and Dr. Koerber.

Mr. Wilson reported that the Atlantic Branch and ourselves now have more flaxseed coming in than our commitments call for. He likewise explained that our low priced linseed oil contracts are almost completed and that we should therefore soon be out of the red in this department. He also referred to Mr.Smith's report on the investigation of linseed oil costs, which is being given very careful study.

The regular weekly report of shipments for the week ending April 4 was submitted.

There being no further business, upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Morris H. Merritt
Secretary.

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